### EXHIBIT A Proposed Order

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re: § Case No. 22-33553

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ALEXANDER E. JONES § (Chapter 11)

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Debtor. § JUDGE CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ

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# ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF CROWE & DUNLEVY, P.C. AS DEBTOR'S CO-COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

ON THIS DATE this Court considered the application (the "Application") of Alexander E. Jones ("Debtor") in the above-captioned jointly administered case for the entry of an order authorizing Debtor to retain and employ Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C. ("C&D") as his bankruptcy cocounsel, effective as of the Petition Date, pursuant to Sections 105(a), 327(a), 329, 330 331, 1107, and 1108 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rules 2014-1 and 9013-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of Texas (each a "LBR"). Upon review of the Application and the Declaration of Vickie L. Driver (the "Driver Declaration") and upon consideration of the statements made in support of the Application at a hearing held before the Court (the "Hearing"), the Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; that the Application is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); that the venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; that based on the representations made in the Application and in the Driver Declaration, C&D's employment is in the best interests of Debtor's estate and C&D (a) is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) C&D does not represent or hold an interest adverse to Debtor's estate; that Debtor provided adequate and

appropriate notice of the Application under the circumstances and that no other or further notice is required; that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing established just cause for the relief granted in this Order.

### Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Application is **GRANTED** to the extent set forth herein.
- 2. Debtor is authorized to retain and employ C&D as his primary bankruptcy counsel, effective as of the Petition Date.
- 3. C&D shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with this Chapter 11 Case<sup>1</sup> in compliance with Sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. To the extent applicable, C&D shall also make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures in connection with interim and final fee applications to be filed by C&D in this Chapter 11 Case.
- 4. Debtor and C&D are each authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to the Order.
- 5. Notice of the Application provided by Debtor is deemed to be good and sufficient notice of the Application, and the requirements of the Local Rules are satisfied by the contents of the Application.
- 6. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

7. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

#### ### END OF ORDER ###

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